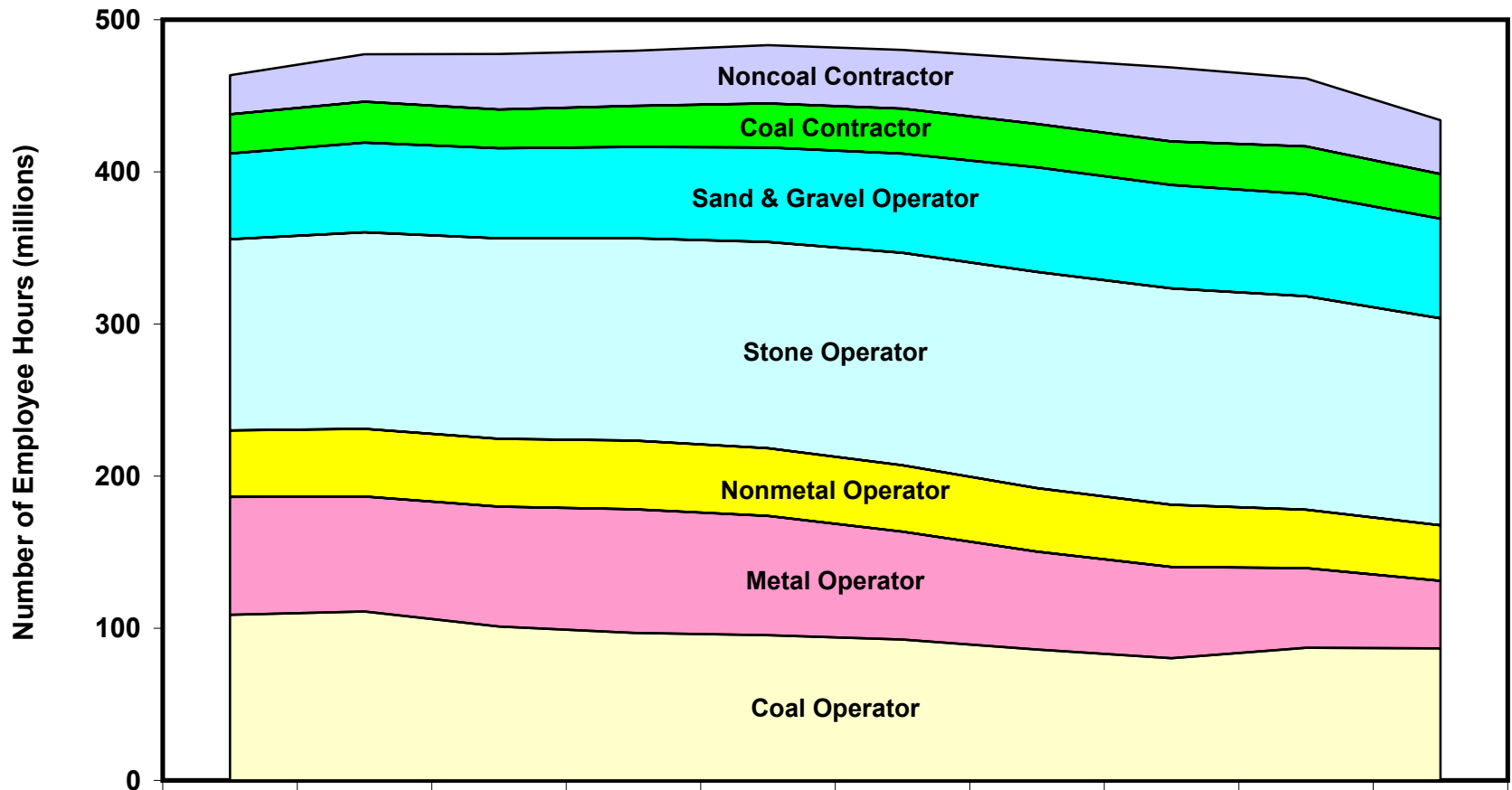


Number of Surface Employee Hours Reported by Mine Operators and Independent Contractors by Commodity and Year, 1993-2002

(Excludes Office Employees; Data Source: MSHA)



	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Noncoal Contractor	25.7	31.2	36.5	36.2	38.4	38.5	42.8	48.7	44.7	35.4
Coal Contractor	25.7	26.9	25.5	26.9	29.0	29.6	28.6	28.5	31.4	29.4
Sand & Gravel Operator	56.5	58.9	59.2	60.0	62.1	65.2	68.7	68.0	67.1	65.5
Stone Operator	125.7	129.1	131.7	133.0	135.5	139.6	142.0	142.2	140.3	136.0
Nonmetal Operator	43.7	44.5	44.6	45.1	44.5	43.6	41.8	40.9	38.4	36.5
Metal Operator	77.5	75.6	78.8	81.3	78.4	71.0	64.3	60.0	52.4	44.4
Coal Operator	108.8	111.0	101.1	97.0	95.4	92.5	86.0	80.3	87.2	86.8